

BLUES CRASH OUT

Magic is missing

WYCOMBE Wanderers crashed out of the FA Cup on Saturday in a game which never rose above the ordinary.

There was plenty of energy and application from the home players.

But they simply never produced the touch of cup magic which can turn non-league no-hopers into giant killers.

As for Bournemouth, they, in spite of that convincing scoreline, looked what they are — a struggling Fourth Division side.

So the enthusiastic crowd of more than 4,700 had little to cheer about.

Ironically the best scoring chance in the opening stages fell to Wycombe's Terry Glynn. He bored his way towards the visitors' goal in the tenth minute, but his shot hit off goalkeeper Kenny Allen.

Wycombe 0 Bournemouth 3

By Colin Simpson

In the 16th minute Bournemouth went ahead when Steve Massey popped the ball home from close in.

The visitors had by this time got the measure of the Wycombe forwards, and for the rest of the game the home side never really looked like scoring.

Immediately before half time Trevor Morgan

scored number two for Bournemouth.

And in the 78th minute the home defence were absent without leave when Morgan tapped in the easiest of shots for his second and Bournemouth's third goal.

Of course this result was not a great surprise. It is no disgrace for a club like Wycombe to lose to any League side,



Wycombe's Tony Price (left) on the ball during Saturday's match.

even one as humble as Bournemouth.

But, as the crowd drifted off in the drizzling rain, I could not help thinking that if only the Wanderers had raised their game just a little for the occasion they could have produced a shock.

WYCOMBE manager Mike Keen's comment: "I felt we could have done a little bit better, I didn't think we played as well as we can."

"Bournemouth were very well prepared. They had obviously worked on it all week and it

came right for them with the early goal.

"We lacked a little experience, though I thought Mick Holified and Bobby Davies were outstanding.

"The support was excellent. The only thing wrong was that we let ourselves down a little."